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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Bisbee republicans responsible for the republican platform as a bid for votes in the coming city election, evidently had in mind drag-net when they constructed the thing. The platform endorses no party or principle, but consists wholly of a string of ridiculous promises and impractical pledges.

The first section promises economy and that the affairs of the city shall be conducted in a businesslike manner. We have no record of any candidate, since the world began promising less.

The second section condemns the present city administration because it has seen fit to put the city as a mess of property in Bisbee on the same basis as the county assessment, to-wit: 50 per cent of the actual valuation. This is the basis of assessment in Douglas and why should Bisbee property owners be put on a higher scale when there is no necessity for it? The present city councilmen are in a position to best judge requirements in this matter.

The republicans come out strong for municipal ownership. Such a proposition is ridiculous at the present time under existing conditions. It would require a bond issue of from three-quarters to one million dollars to have municipal ownership as outlined in the republican platform and the people would hardly agree to shoulder such an obligation at this time. In the future municipal ownership might be desirable, but not now. The present city council has already taken the first step towards a municipally owned water system by installing the present system for fire protection.

Another section of the republican platform condemns the present system of handling the garbage of the city. Formerly the city provided all garbage and scavenger service free, this cost the taxpayers from \$500 to \$1,000 per month and a great many taxpayers who had connected their premises with the city sewer received no benefit whatever from this city expenditure. Also restaurants and other business houses received much greater benefit than those who had only houses to be visited by the scavenger wagons. The present system was substituted as being more equitable for all and it has resulted in causing additional connections with the sewer which certainly is desirable from a sanitary and health point of view, besides it has relieved those who received no benefit from the scavenger service, from paying for this service for other people.

The section regarding saloon regulation simply promises a condition, so far as the saloons are concerned, which already existed and which has been brought about by the present city administration.

TERRITORIAL ROADS AND COCHISE COUNTY.

The board of supervisors of this county have written a letter to Governor Sloan which we regard as timely and pertinent. The last legislature passed a law providing for the construction of one or more public roads through the territory to be paid for by the counties. Through which these roads will pass. For this road purpose the board of supervisors last year asked that Cochise county include in their county tax levy an item of 15 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation for the ter-

ritorial road fund. This request was granted by the board and the tax levy made and as a result \$25,000 has been collected from the taxpayers of Cochise county and paid into the territorial treasury. Up to date there has been no work done in this county on the proposed territorial road and so far as we know there has been no survey or permanent location of such a road, indicating that work would begin in the near future.

The people of Cochise county are asking many questions about this proposed territorial road and when it is to be started and those questions, no doubt, caused the board of supervisors to seek information from the governor, who is also at the head of the board of control.

One terminal of the proposed territorial road it is supposed will be Douglas, the extreme southeastern city of Arizona. As Cochise county has already paid \$25,000 into the territorial road fund it would seem to be only fair to start the work at Douglas and continue it to Bisbee, Tombstone and through the county on whatever route decided upon until this amount has been expended and let the money contributed each year by the several counties be expended within their limits until the entire territorial road system has been completed.

The District Attorney of Cochise County, in an interview published last evening, makes some broad assertions, which are not borne out by the facts or by any records in his office. The district attorney says: "The whole matter (evident meaning the indictment of P. J. McCullough) was finally brought to the attention of the prosecuting officer of the county in an endeavor to put an end to the disgraceful and notorious pilfering of the city treasury by officials entrusted with the business of the city and the disbursement of its funds."

Judging from the interview with the district attorney he seeks to convey the impression that there has been pilfering of the city treasury and the wrongful and illegal disbursement of funds. The interview with the district attorney is further evidence that the county republican administration is engaged in a persistent effort to cast aspersions upon the democratic city administration of Bisbee. The bald statement of the district attorney is a reflection on every member of the city Council and the City Clerk and on the face of it is a presumption of arrogance and political spite. The public will demand more than sweeping indictment by word of mouth on the part of the District Attorney.

PROGRESS OF OKLAHOMA.

Notwithstanding its so-called "freak" constitution, of which President Taft expressed so much horror on his visit to Arizona and New Mexico last year, the new state of Oklahoma is reported to be rapidly increasing in prosperity and so far we have read nothing from that state about the constitution being either bar to prosperity or happiness.

Oklahoma was founded as a Territory in 1890, and in that year was opened to settlement. It has been growing rapidly every since. Some indications of its progress may be seen in the following summary from the Daily Oklahoman, of Oklahoma City:

Oklahoma ranks seventh in cotton production, bales, 795,000; ninth in production of horses and mules, 578,045; ninth in production of corn, bushels, 79,763,346; eleventh in production of hogs, 1,588,906; fifteenth in area, square miles, 70,450; seventeenth in production of coal, tons, 2,498,116; eighteenth in capital invested in mining industry, \$2,519,379; twentieth in value of railways, \$181,000,000; twenty-third in population, 1,455,261; twenty-fourth in production of sheep, 79,817.

"The state also ranks high in broom-corn, alfalfa, oats, wheat, gypsum, asphaltum cement and building stones."

Twenty-one years ago the site of Oklahoma City was a desolate prairie and now that enterprising city is claiming a population of 65,000. The Daily Oklahoman has just issued a special edition celebrating the city's birthday anniversary and the illus-

trations show that the business houses, residences and other buildings are constructed in up-to-date, metropolitan style. There are numerous "sky-scrapers" that would be creditable to any city in the United States and their number is increasing.

The State of Oklahoma is rich in mineral and agricultural resources. It is the first State in the Union in the production of petroleum, and it bids fair to rival Missouri as a producer of lead and zinc. With a total area of 45,075,200 square acres of land fewer than 200,000,000 acres are under cultivation and the area of cheap land has not passed. The manufacturing interests of the various cities are extensive. The state's manufactures annually exceed \$40,000,000, and the value of its agricultural products in 1908 was in excess of \$130,000,000.

Bisbee sends congratulations to Tucson on the occasion of its celebration of the S. P. link giving the Old Pueblo direct connection with the West Coast railroad in Mexico. Arrivals in Bisbee say that the Tucson did herself proud entertaining her invited guests.

The republicans of Bisbee are exceedingly long on promises, but these promises may be regarded no more seriously than the republican promises of the past, including that one which deluded fool Democrats to vote for a republican delegate to congress in 1908 by the fool cry that his election would bring IMMEDIATE statehood.

Tucson certainly did herself proud in making a grand success of the railroad celebration on Thursday and Friday of this week. Indications are that Tucson will have reason to celebrate the coming of other railroads to that city in the near future.

Supervisor Orme, of Maricopa county who has just returned from Washington gained the impression while in the capital city that if the statehood bill can be brought to a vote it will pass the senate. There is no doubt that a majority of the senate would vote for the bill, but according to the opinion of Champ Clark there is danger of the statehood bill being left in a conference committee when the present congress adjourns.

The republicans in Washington are not treating Hoyal A. Smith and Ralph Cameron fairly by keeping them out of the United States senate. It is understood that these gentlemen have agreed with each other that all is required to land them into the senate from Arizona is the passage of the statehood bill. But there are others, and still others.

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GEORGE V SUCCEEDS TO THRONE AT ONCE WITHOUT FORMALITY

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played the same tact and political sagacity that had distinguished him for so many years as Prince of Wales. All his life long his Majesty was a champion of outdoor sport, and each year his stable carried away a list of the most costly prizes offered by the English turf. In 1900, while still Prince of Wales, he headed the list of winning owners, gaining the "triple crown" by capturing the Derby, the St. Leger and the Two Thousand Guineas races. His winnings for the season amounted to \$148,000. Horse racing was one of his principal pastimes and his influence did much to make the English turf free from fraud than that of any other racing country in the world.

That the King was deeply interested in both domestic and foreign politics every one knew. As Prince of Wales he frequently visited the House of Lords and there were few more attentive listeners to the debates. But whether he leaned towards the Conservatives or towards the Liberals, whether he favored an understanding with France to one with Germany, or vice versa, few could say positively. This was because his attitude on public questions was so rarely expressed. When he believed it wise and for the public good to make his influence felt in affairs of state he went about the business so quietly that few were aware that he had anything whatever to do with bringing about the results. He took no pains, however, to conceal his belief in an understanding between Great Britain and the United States, which friendly feeling for America and Americans he inherited from his mother.

King Edward was the most prominent living Free Mason. For more than thirty-five years he was identified with the order, during which time he served as grand master of the grand lodge of England, Ire-

POLICE HAVE STRANGE CASE IN STOVALL

"Help, help, Murder. Police. Don't let me die here."

These expressions, coupled with screams and groans such as would emanate naturally from an elephant in a circus, proceeding from the recesses of the branch county jail last evening, and were so fierce that the only way in which they could be quieted was to give the sufferer a hypodermic injection.

Whether it's insanity or delirium tremens, confinement of a day or so can determine. The officers are of the opinion that the man is crazy.

Yesterday afternoon Constable McRien got a hurry call from the Y. M. C. A. stating that a man was making a nuisance of himself there. When Constable McRien arrived the man asked to be taken to his room in the Hughes block. Mr. Hughes thought jail would do more good.

He gave his name as E. J. Stovall and said he was from Albuquerque. Stovall claimed to only have been in town three days.

He has been here about three weeks, and endeavor to pass himself off as a newspaper man. He has posted the local offices and has valued the name of "Bosco" through his resemblance to the well known magician of that name. He paraded about town in a long overcoat suitable to arctic climates no matter how hot the day, and is alleged to have been hanging about saloons and "mooching" drinks, as well as making a touch wherever possible. He will either be examined as to his sanity or else given a chance to sober up.

UNPOPULAR DECISION.

SACRAMENTO, May 6.—Montana Dan Sullivan outfought Tim O'Neil in every round but two in a 20-round bout here tonight and had him all but out in the sixth and fifteenth but the best he got was a draw. The decision was extremely unpopular, rendered on O'Neil's strong finish. O'Neil could not land on Sullivan in the entire fight, d'd not put home more than half a dozen clean blows.

M'CALLA FUNERAL.

SANTA BARBARA, May 6.—The funeral of Rear-Admiral McCalla will be held Sunday afternoon, at Trinity Episcopal church. The remains will be taken to Los Angeles for cremation in accordance with his expressed wishes.

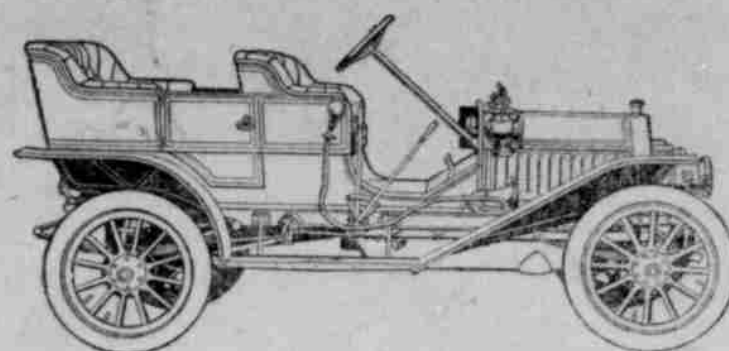
land, Scotland and Wales, and also as grand prior of the order of Knights of Templars in England and as grand patron of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry in the United Kingdom, having received the 33d and last degree in that branch of Free Masonry. There was not a member throughout the world who took a deeper or more active interest in the affairs of the Masonic order. Masonry everywhere received his hearty and unqualified support and his presence at important Masonic functions was always sought for and usually with success. From the time of his marriage he was the leading figure in English society, and to a great extent its arbiter. Possessed of unrivaled and unflinching tact, of an extremely level head, and of an altogether unique knowledge of the world, his Majesty's position as Prince of Wales and as King endowed him with a social power superior to that enjoyed by any continental sovereign.

The English people are indebted to King Edward for many reforms brought about by him in his role as social arbiter, and which afforded an excellent indication of his character. It is, thanks to him, for instance, that hard drinking and coarseness of language went out of fashion. When he was a boy it was considered bad form for a gentleman to retire to rest otherwise than intoxicated, while almost every phrase spoken was embellished with appalling blasphemy. And if a higher tone of morality and greater sense of propriety now prevail than in the earlier half of the last century, it is in a great measure due to the unobtrusive but excellent care which his Majesty took to keep out of society those who had forfeited their rights to remain within it pale. He was as ready as any other votary of pleasure to meet them in the sphere to which they had descended and to treat them there with kindness and consideration, but he would not tolerate their presence in houses that were respectable, and talk quiet means to eliminate them therefrom.

One of the most pleasing traits of King Edward was his singularly happy home life. He was the object of many stories of a more or less shattering nature, which he always considered it beneath his dignity to deny or refuse. But it was only necessary to see the King among his family at Sandringham, and to observe the affection with which his nephews and nieces spoke of "Uncle Bertie," to realize that much that was spoken and written about him was absolutely false.

It is believed that King Edward leaves little personal estate. From the time he attained his majority he had lived in a more or less extravagant manner and had never cultivated that frugality which enabled his mother, the late Queen Victoria, to be rated among the world's richest women. King Edward was liberal with his family and his friends and oftentimes found it difficult to make both ends meet out of the royal allowance.

THE GRAND PRIZE



On May 14th the prizes in the \$6000 Popularity Contest

conducted by the Kelly papers in southern Arizona will be awarded. The contest will positively close on that date. In addition to the Grand Prize there will be awarded in each district:

1 Reo Runabout, 1 Piano, 2 vacation trips to California and 2 Arizona Business College Scholarships.

Watch the REVIEW for important announcements. Bisbee, Tucson and Douglas young ladies are running close together in the big race.

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